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VAN DEMAN: This is Ruth Van Deman in Washington, with the USDA Bulletin Board.

The point rationing of canned goods begins Monday, March first. Here is the time table of events that will precede rationing: After midnight February 20th and until March first, none of the foods to be rationed will be sold. During the week beginning February 22, a representative of each family will register for War Ration Book Number Two -- that's the point ration book that will be used for canned goods and later for other things. When you register, take War Ration Book Number One with you, and also be prepared to declare the stock of canned goods --commercially canned goods -- that you have on hand. If you have more than five cans per person of the foods to be rationed -- that is, more than five cans of 8 ounces or larger -- an 8-point stamp will be taken out of your new book for each excess can. If you don't have enough 8-point stamps the ration board will make a notation on your book and take more out of your next book. Only 8-point stamps will be removed for excess cans. You'll retain the other stamps-- and they amount to half the points in the book -- so you can keep a variety of food on your table. You do not declare home-processed foods. No stamps will be taken from your book for home-canned or home-processed foods.

Now, to repeat some dates: you will not be able to buy the commercially processed foods that will be rationed, from midnight on Saturday, February 20, until Monday, March first. The time to register for War Ration Book Two and to declare your stocks of rationed goods is during the week beginning Monday, February 22. Exact dates to be announced locally.

The foods to be rationed, beginning March first, are commercially canned fruits, fruit juices, vegetables, vegetable juices, soups and baby foods -- AND frozen, dried, and dehydrated fruits and vegetables.

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